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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified Patent Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

A
This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/864,042, filed May 22, 2001, which has now matured to U.S. Patent No. _____, which was based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application Number 60/206,605, filed May 23, 2000.